

October 10, 2006 - Peach Bottom Unit 2 Returns To Service

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The leak was discovered on Oct. 7 during routine startup testing following a refueling outage, and its location (leading to two of the station's redundant safety systems) prompted the declaration of a discretionary Unusual Event. When the leak was found, operators immediately closed a valve to stop the leak and began shutting down the unit.

At 7:01 this morning, Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station Unit 2 returned to

service following a brief outage to perform repairs on a leaking test pipe.

Peach Bottom terminated the Unusual Event on Oct. 8, once the reactor was completely shut down, and began an investigation of the condition and repairs to the affected test line. An Unusual Event is the lowest of four emergency classifications established by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The event posed no safety risk to personnel or the public, and there was no release of radiation.

The Unit 2 test line is now fully repaired and began providing power to the electrical grid this morning. Peach Bottom has two boiling water reactors, Units 2 and 3, which jointly produce more than 2,200 megawatts. Unit 3 remained online during the event. A megawatt is a million watts, enough electricity to power about 1,000 typical households.

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